

Amendments to the English Language Translation of the Specification:

Immediately before paragraph [0001], delete the sub-heading “Description” and add the following new sub-headings and text:

-- CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This is a U.S. national stage of International Application No. PCT/EP2004/013580, filed on 30 November 2004. Priority is claimed on German Application No. 10 2004 002 655.6, filed on 16 January 2004.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention --

Immediately before paragraph [0002], add the following new sub-heading:

-- 2. Description of the Related Art --

Amend paragraph [0002] as follows:

[0002] Such door closers are very well known. Usually such door closers present a housing, in which a shaft, that is connectable to a door or the like, a spring-loaded blocking member and a brake piston are disposed. The blocking member and the brake piston are substantially located in-line on opposite sides of the shaft such that the housing presents an overall elongate shape. In many applications however, it is difficult to accommodate such housing shape as, particularly in the area of the floor very often an elongate cavity can not be provided for the housing. Such a door closer is revealed in German Patent No. DE 40 38 720 C2 as an overhead door closer and in German Patent Application No. DE 27 55 787 A1 as a floor spring.

Immediately before paragraph [0003], add the following new sub-heading:

-- SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION --

Delete paragraph [0006] in entirety.

Amend paragraph [0007] as follows:

[0007] The main part (the housing) ~~consists of~~ includes a square body, to which a tube is secured at a right angle in relation to the axis of the body. Another shorter tube, being longitudinally displaceable and having a bottom, to which the support carrying the roller is attached, is located inside this tube. Both tubes fitted into each other present a steel planchet between them. The latter reduces abrasion simultaneously allowing to avoid heat treatment of the tubes.

Amend paragraph [0010] as follows:

[0010] The structure of the blocking member is particularly simple, if, according to one advantageous embodiment, the blocking member ~~presents~~ includes a cup-shaped insert, which is displaceably supported within the tube-shaped cartridge. On account of this disposition, a tilt-free guiding of the blocking member inside the cartridge is ensured.

Amend paragraph [0017] as follows:

[0017] Advantageously, the valve arrangement ~~presents~~ includes a regulating valve and a shut-off valve affecting the flow of the regulating valve. Thus, in a simple manner it is possible to control, ~~respectively to~~ or stop the flow of brake fluid, such that movement of the brake piston is no longer possible and that the door is locked in a determined position.

Immediately before paragraph [0022], add the following new sub-heading:

-- BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS --

Immediately before paragraph [0026], add the following new sub-heading:

-- DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PRESENTLY PREFERRED EMBODIMENT --

Amend paragraph [0027] as follows:

[0027] The inventive door closer ~~presents~~ includes a substantially rectangular housing 1, in which a shaft 2 is supported, which is connectable to a door or the like. The shaft 2 ~~presents~~ includes an eccentric disc 3, which is in engagement with a roller 5 supported at a brake piston 4. The brake piston 4 and the housing 1 define a space 24 which is away from the shaft 2.

Delete paragraph [0038] in entirety.

On page 11, delete the sub-heading " Patent claims", and immediately before claim 1, add the following:

-- What is claimed is: --